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Two-Month Calendar
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La Peña Calendar of Events • July • 2005

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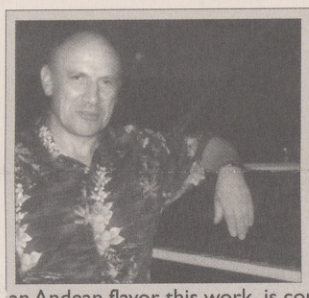
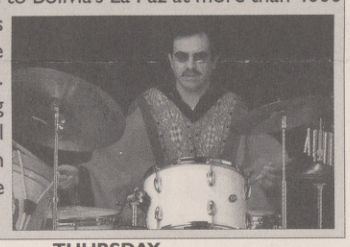
Wild Mango 7/23


Jazz 4000 Meters High 6/8

In 1976 ***Johnny Gonzales*** and ***Fernando Sanjines 13*** recorded ***Jazz 4000 Meters High***, in reference to Bolivia's La Paz at more than 4000 meters above see level. Highlighting original songs with an Andean flavor, this work is considered one of the pillars of Bolivian jazz.



FRIDAY

1 MUJERES SERIES

Nina Gerber, Linda Tillery and Aya de Leon

Veteran performers, Linda Tillery and Nina Gerber join forces to create an evening of folk, blues, and R&B to 60s rock, and spirituals. Aya de Leon will perfomr excerpts from her shows, "*Thieves in the Temple: the reclaiming of hip hop*" and "*Aya de Leon is Running for President*" & pieces from her new cd "*Joy in the Struggle.*" **7:30pm conversation w/ artists.**
8:30pm concert, $13 adv. $15 door

SATURDAY

2 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

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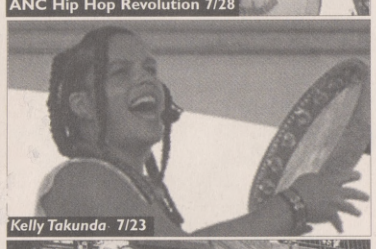
ANC Hip Hop Revolution 7/28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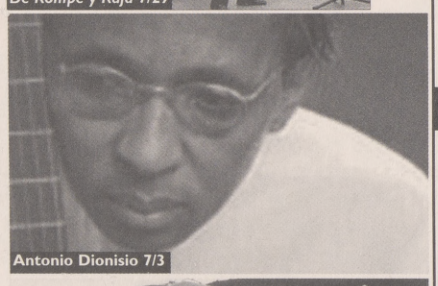
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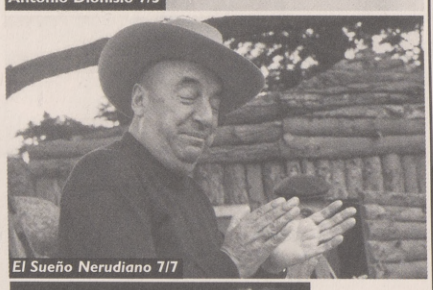
El Sueño Nerudiano 7/7

DanzaQ 7/17

SUNDAY

3 CAFE RUMBA 3:30-6PM

CONCERT

Antonio Dionisio is a composer, guitarist and vocalist from *Três Pontas* in the state of *Minas Gerais*, Brazil. His career began in Rio de Janeiro in 1977. Performing music in Portuguese, English & Spanish, he took his songs all over the Americas, playing for audiences in Brazil, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Panama, Costa Rica & Mexico in addition to Canada & the US.

7:30pm $10

10 BENEFIT

A benefit performances to support the filming of, ***Take Me Home***, a documentary on the children who are caught in the foster care system. Youth speak out about their experiences through an evening of Spoken-Word, Hip-Hop, and Music.
Two shows! 5pm & 7pm
$20 adults $12 youth

Cuban Photos & paintings
Public reception. 2 - 4pm. Free

17 CAFE RUMBA 3:30-6PM

DANZAQ
MAGIC OF THE PERUVIAN DANCE

Come and enjoy a show with lively music and colorful dances of Peru. Perudance performs for the first time in the East Bay.

7pm $15*

24 READING & CONCERT

100 Years of Struggle

A Celebration of the IWW and the American Labor Movement featuring a reading by noted writer Roxanne Dunbar Ortiz ("Red Dirt" and "Outlaw Woman") with music by Folk This! and members of Berkeley's Allegro Non Troppo opera company, plus special guests. Sunday, July 24th.

7:30pm $8-$12*
marcusd@igc.org

31 BOMBAZO 3:30 - 6PM

Bombazo in La Peña's Cafe

A Puerto Rican bomba music and dance jam - featuring participants of the bomba and plena workshops of the "Maestros de Bomba"
Free

¡Feliz Cumpleaños!

Celebrate Andrés Cisneros Galindo's 60th birthday!
Reception in the Theater
6-10pm Free

WEDNESDAY

6 ARAB FILM FESTIVAL

Four Women of Egypt. (Dir. Tahani Rached. 90min.) 4 women friends speaking animatedly about the nation, politics, culture, & Islam. They connect the politics & ideologies of past & present with the adhesive of their own experience. They saturate their conversations with humor, that quintessentially Egyptian vernacular, & with irony, that most delicious of deconstructive devices. They speak with refreshing candor and hard-hitting honesty. The film has touched a nerve in audiences in Egypt and in the Arab world.
7:30pm $5 suggested donation

13 CAFE POETRY HOSTED BY KIRA ALLEN, 7:30PM DONATION

ARAB FILM FESTIVAL

2 short films: ***Hollywood Harems*** (1999. 24 min., directed by Tania-Kamal Eldin.) A stunning critical video of Hollywood's abiding fascination and fantasies about all things east. ***Benaat Chicago*** (Dir. by Jennifer Canar & Mary Zerkel. 30min.) The lives of Arab American teenagers growing up in Chicago. It addresses stereotypes & racism towards Arabs & shows what makes Arab Americans proud of their culture.
7:30pm $5 suggested donation

20 CAFE POETRY HOSTED BY PARADISE 7:30PM DONATION

ARAB FILM FESTIVAL

Wild Flowers: Women of South (Lebanon, directed by Jean Chamoun & Mai Masri. 1986. 70min.) This film reveals the crucial role women played in fighting the Israeli invasion and occupation of Southern Lebanon.

7:30pm $5 suggested donation

27 ARAB FILM FESTIVAL

Umm Kulthum: A Voice Like Egypt (1996. 67min.) With the pipes of Ella Fitzgerald, the public presence of Eleanor Roosevelt, and the popularity of Elvis Presley, singer Umm Kulthum became one of the first Egyptian women of the modern ages to become a powerful symbol for the Arab world. Narrated by Omar Sharif, Umm Kulthum: A Voice Like Egypt is the first documentary to bring the celebrated diva of the Arab world to an American audience.
7:30pm $5 suggested donation

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7 POETRY READING

La Peña Presents
EL SUEÑO NERUDIANO
Neruda 101th Birthday

A gathering of people, common people, to read and celebrate the life and poetry of Pablo Neruda. Come with your favorite poem and read it out loud to your loved one, to your family, to your people. Neftalí Eliecer Ricardo Reyes Basoalto, aka Pablo Neruda, was born on July 12, 1904 in Parral, Chile.
8:30pm Donations

14 CONCERT

From Bastille To Bush

A concert to celebrate Bastille Day with Labor Troubadour **Anne Feeny** and other labor muscians as well as labor videos.
7:30pm $10-$12*
(415) 642-8066
www.laborfest.net

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28 LATINO FILM FESTIVAL

ANC Hip Hop Revolution

Dir. Melina Fotiadi, 03. Cuba, France. 70m. Spanish w/Subtitles. In this gritty & fascinating documentary, with a vibrantly pulsating soundtrack, Fotiadi, follows a local hip-hop group, *Anónimo Consejo*, ANC, through their real life schedule. The film shows how spoken word rituals, from ancient African cultures, find their way into the hearts of their displaced descendants, not only in the U.S., but in Cuba.
7:30pm $8

Maestros de Bomba en la Bahia. 7/30

Feliz Cumpleaños Compañero! Andres Cisneros Galindo

Andrés celebrates his 60th birthday with an exhibit of his most recent paintings & prints. A prominent California artist and a master teacher in printmaking, Andres' prints, paintings & wood sculptures draw on two distinct sources: the traditions, techniques & symbols of Native American art in North America and Mexico, where he was born and educated. The second is "my immediate vicinity" in the Bay Area, his home since the late 1960s. "I paint what I know," he says. "That is my basic rule." Reception: Sunday July 31.

La Peña Exhibits

Francisco Rivero's Mona Lisa en Cuba.

Photos & paintings by contemporary Cuban artists.
In the Lobby: July 2-August 31
See details on the back

THURSDAY

8 SOUTH AMERICAN JAZZ

Jazz, 4000 Meters High

Pianist & composer **Johnny Gonzales** is a Bolivian jazz pioneer known for his compositions, arrangements & advocacy for South American jazz. **Fernando Sanjines 13**, joined him in 1971, becoming one of the most important & innovative drummers in Bolivia. In 1976 both recorded one of the pillars of Bolivian jazz: ***Jazz 4000 Meters High***.
8pm $10 adv. $13 dr.

15 CD RELEASE PARTY

Arawaks & Maroons

Join us in celebrating the East Bay Record Release of **Santero**'s debut album, **Arawaks & Maroons**. Come dance the night away to the sounds of Afro Latin electronica, Roots Reggae & Hip Hop beats.

9pm $12

22 CONCERT

Caimalantin
Latin Jazz Quartet

The quartet features Christian Tumlan (piano), Jorge Pomar (bass), David Flores(drums), and Javier Navarrete (percussion)and perform a mix of original compositions, jazz standards, bossa novas, and folkloric songs. Special guests during the 2nd set will feature horn players and vocalist.

$12 general $10 students

29 DANCE & MUSIC

The Afro-Peruvian ensemble
De Rompe y Raja
will host a Peruvian Independence Day celebration with virtuoso guitar players Santiago 'Coco" Linares, direct from Peru and Vladimir Vucanovich. Also Afro-Peruvian Master Lalo Izquierdo, the elegant voice of Rosa Los Santos, the Afro power of Lucho Cabrera and the acclaimed De Rompe y Raja Folclórico.

8pm $15

9 MUJERES CONCERT

Rhiannon and Susan Muscarella with a Jazz School Student Ensemble

Two veteran jazz musicians and music educators in an evening of innovate jazz and inspiration.

7:30pm conversation with artists hosted by Melanie Berezon of KCSM.

8:30pm $12 adv. $14 door

16 FLAMENCO

FLAMENCO SERIES

La Nina Productions and The Bay Area Flamenco Partnership present an evening of original Flamenco music and dance. Visit our website for details, www.lapena.org

8pm $18 adv. $20 dr.

23 MUJERES CONCERT

Wild Mango & ***The Kelly Takunda Orphan Project.*** For over a decade **Wild Mango** has been creating a combination of funk grooves with latinjazz. **The Kelly Takunda Orphan Project** is a vocal & percussion based ensemble inspired by a variety of musical styles including South African, gospel, funk, & jazz music. **Pre-concert conversation 7:30pm**
8:30pm $14 adv. $16 door

30 CONCERT

The Bomba y Plena Workshop & La Peña present ***Maestros de Bomba en la Bahia.*** An evening of Afro-Puerto Rican dance & music featuring from Puerto Rico, legendary *bombero* **Modesto Cepeda,** dancers ***Brenda Cepeda*** *and* ***Gladys Camara,*** and drummer/dancer ***Angel Luis Reyes.*** They will be accompanied by some of the best *bomba* artists in the Bay Area. Part of a week long set of workshops. Visit www.musicbeat.org for more info.
8:30pm $12

The Arab Women Collective and La Peña Present

Every Wednesday at 7:30pm

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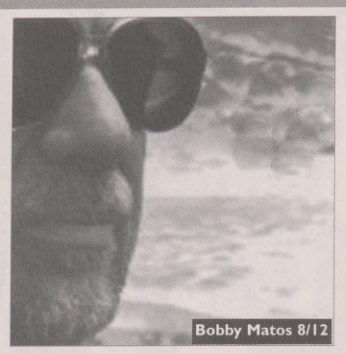
Montclair Women's Big Band 8/6


Bobby Matos 8/12

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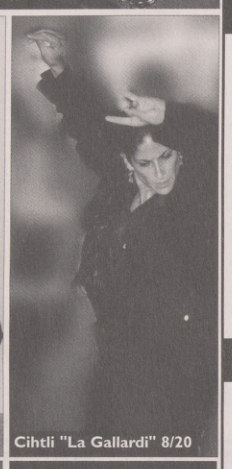
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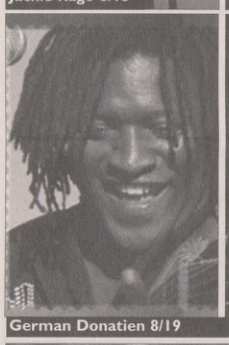
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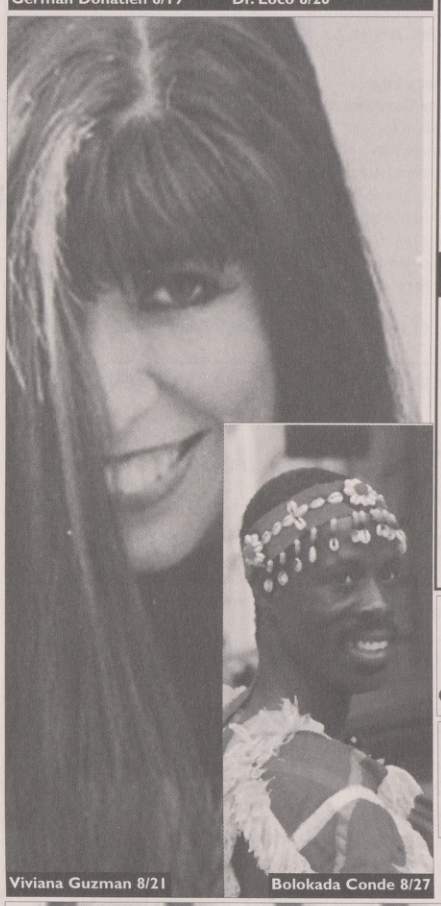
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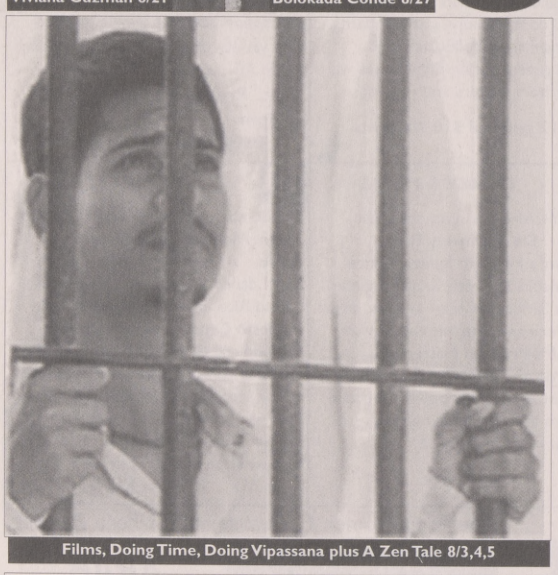
Bolokada Conde 8/27


Films, Doing Time, Doing Vipassana plus A Zen Tale 8/3,4,5

WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

3, 4, 5 THREE DAYS OF "DOING TIME, DOING VIPASSANA" & "A Zen Tale"

(60 min. by Eilona Ariel and Ayelet Menahemi, plus "A Zen Tale", 10 min. short by Magdalena Sole)

A remarkable& inspiring documentary about Kiran Bedi, an inspector general of prisons in India who, in the mid-1990's introduced the ancient Buddhist technique of Vipassana meditation into the violently corrupt Tihar Prison, India's worst and most dangerously overcrowded jail at the time. The results at Tihar Prison were almost unimaginably miraculous. After the ten-day course in Vipassana (which requires total silence and the willingness to go deep inside oneself), violent criminals were transformed—emerging with tears of joy and opened hearts. Now Tihar has its own meditation center and penal institutions around the world are following its model. American prisons are now beginning to realize the significant advances in rehabilitation brought about by this simple and most pure form of spiritual introspection. From Seattle to Alabama, the groundwork laid by Kiran Bedi in India is likely to have worldwide ramifications, and could lead to the type of social progress only previously dreamed of.

Wed. & Thur. 7:30pm, $8 general, $6 students & seniors • Two screeings on Fri., 7pm & 9pm

6 THE MUJERES SERIES FINALE

The ***Montclair Women's Big Band*** was formed in 1998 by award-winning trumpeter Ellen Seeling & producer Barbara Price. Their irresistible swing style & high energy & brassy sounds notes grabs your attention from the first. This concert concludes our *Mujeres Series*.

7:30pm: conversation with the artists hosted by **Melanie Berzon**
8:30pm: Concert

$14 adv. or before 7:30pm. **$16 dr.**

SUNDAY

7 RUMBA 3:30PM-6PM FREE

La Peña Wish List

Deep flat drawer cabinet to store and archive posters and art work.

Speakers for a 6 channel mixer.

Please call or email Paul Chin at 849-2568 ext. 17 pchin@lapena.org

10 CAFE POETRY HOSTED BY KIRA ALLEN 7;30PM DONATION

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GOT SOUND?

Enjoy working evenings? La Peña is looking for back up sound techs to do occasional sound. Send resumes to pchin@lapena.org & to oscar@lapena.org

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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12 LATIN JAZZ

Percussionist **Bobby Matos**, coming direct from Los Angeles, is one of the leading Latin Jazz pioneers. Matos is known for melding jazz with traditional Afro-Caribbean rhythms and Latin dance music. Don't miss this great show!

8pm $12 adv. $15 dr.

13 CONCERT / DANCE

Venezuela Tambor y Canto

An evening with the ***Venezuelan Music Project***, directed by ***Jackeline Rago***. Combining the Indian-Venezuelan, West African and Spanish European influences, this ensemble emerges as a dynamic ensemble full of energy & color. Come and join VMP to celebrate some of Venezuelan favorite festivities such us *Calipso* from *El Callao, Tambores de la costa, Parranda Central, tamboreras* & more.

8pm $12 adv. $14 dr.

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19 PA' BAILAR

Palenque
"Son, Lo Mas Sublime de la Musica"
Authentic Traditional Cuban Music

The group features German Donatien (guitar, lead vocals), Marcos Pukvel (tres), Chloe Scott (flute), Steve Parkin (bass), Ben Krames (percussion), Norman Downing (percussion, vocals).

9pm $12

20

Stern Grove & La Peña present an interactive talk with ***Geoff "Double G" Gallegos***, founder & conductor of *daKAH Hip Hop Orchestra*. **1pm Free**

FLAMENCO

Direct from Sevilla, Spain ***Farruco Family*** company member, ***Cihtli "La Gallardi"*** (Dancer) & Guitarist, ***Ethan "Canasta" Margolis***, accompanist for top singers from *Utrera, Lebrija & Sevilla.* Plus special guest artists from Spain. Presented by La Nina Prod. & The Bay Area Flamenco Partnership.

8pm $22 adv. $25 dr.

21 RUMBA 3:30PM-6PM FREE

Viviana Guzman presents, ***The Music of Passion: from Tango & Beyond***. Described by the New York Times as "an imaginative artist," Chilean-born flutist, Viviana Guzmán has been featured on programs for PBS, NPR & NBC, featured on the cover of Latina Style Magazine and in *Cosmopolitan en Español*. Viviana has fans worldwide, one of whom, Kate Winslet (Titanic) said, "I Love your music. It is truly beautiful!" and Isabel Allende wrote, "Your music is celestial!"

7:30pm $12 gen.

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CAFÉ VALPARAÍSO
OPEN FROM 5:30PM

25 LATINO FILM FESTIVAL

The Storytellers

Dir. Elaine Caffe, (03. Brazil. 100 min.) The town of Javé, discovers that its village & valley are about to disappear beneath the waters created when a dam is built. Fighting the process, the townspeople will recount the great & heroic events of its history in order to justify its salvation from destruction. The film honors the rural storyteller & brings it into the modern age with a sense of humor & love of humanity.

7:30pm $8

26 DANCE / BAILE

Great evening of classic and contemporary Chicano grooves with
Dr. Loco's Rockin' Jalapeño Band
Celebrating fifteen years of performances at La Peña.

9pm $10 regular
$7 students w/ID

27 DANCE

Bolokada Conde, a child prodigy and lead drummer of the world famous Percussion du Guinee from Guinea, West Africa, will showcase his versatility on the *djembe* with his California drum and dance ensemble group **Donwoulila** and other guest artists from the Bay Area percussion community. Also performing is **Koteba** headed by **Salif Conde**, a griot from Burkina Faso.

8pm $15

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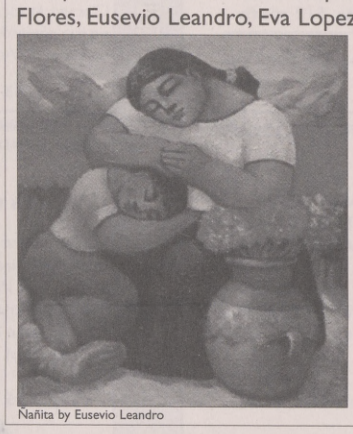
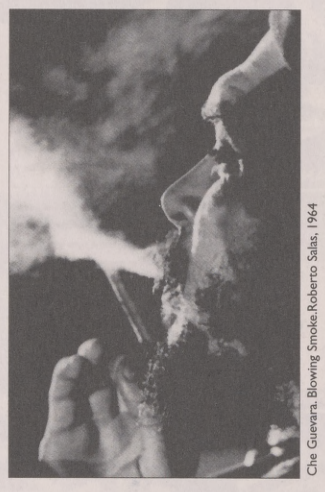
En la paredes • La Peña Exhibits

In the Lobby: July 2-August 31: Photos & paintings by contemporary Cuban artists. **Roberto Salas** was one of the first photographers to capture the early years of the Cuban Revolution. **Francisco Rivero** forms his own personal view of life through his acrylic painting. His initial works were murals utilized by the Revolution to beautify public buildings.

In the Cafe: **Original paintings by Peruvian artists**; Enrique Bustamante, Mario Caspe, Alberto Flores, Olga Flores, Eusevio Leandro, Eva Lopez, Liliana melchor, Carla Palma, Sabrina Pizarro, Miguel Wetzell.


Nañita by Eusevio Leandro


Che Guevara. Blowing Smoke.Roberto Salas, 1964

In the Theater: **Andrés Cisneros Galindo** celebrates his 60th birthday with an exhibit of his most recent paintings & prints. July 6 - August 29 • Reception: Sunday July 31.

Latino Film Festival's The Storytellers 8/25 www.latinofilmfestival.org

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New Classes @ La Peña

Beginning to Intermediate "Latin" Bass. Inst: Raul Perales (La Familia, Ritmo y Armonia and other groups) Emphasis on playing with the "clave feel", the role of bass in the Latin rhythm section, & interpreting lead sheets. 8 week cycle for 30 min. indivdual classes $176, 8 week cycle for 60 minute individual classes $352 Contact instructor for details – (510) – 435-5871 or <rulis83@uclink.berkeley.edu>

Youth Afro-Caribbean Percussion Class (Sat. 12 – 1pm CR) Free. Inst: Javier Navarrette, (QBA, Charanson and many other bands)Class Starts Sept. 10. Open to young people ages 8 and up. Students will learn *rumba, son, bomba, merengue* and other rhythms from the Caribbean. Class will cover congas, timbal, bongo and hand percussion including guiro, clave, bell. If you have instruments bring them, limited number of instruments will also be available in the class. Info, contact (510) 798-5409

Descarga Workshop Tuesdays 6 – 7:30pm (in Café) Inst: Javier Navarrette, Class Starts September 13. Playing basic grooves, students will learn how to create descargas, on the spot arrangments, and tunes including percussion breaks, improvised horn lines & coros for different Afro-Caribbean rhythms. Ensemble class for people who already play an instrument. $12/class, paid in advance monthly or $15 drop in.

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